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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE:

USE OF ALPHA-KETOGLUTARIC ACID FOR THE TREATMENT OF

MALNUTRITION OR HIGH PLASMA GLUCOSE CONDITION

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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please <u>replace</u> the claims with the attached amended claims.

#### **REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove the reference numerals and multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

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Respectfully submitted,

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